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EVERY DISCIPLE AN EVANGELIST

Archie H. Hook

Superintendent

The great mission of Christ in the world was to win souls. His message was directed to the salvation of the whole of man: body, and mind and spirit. By word and deed he sought to bridge chasms and bind into one brotherhood the hostile individuals and groups of which there were many in his day. Just so the most desperate need of this hour is for us, his disciples, to capture this trust in God which Jesus had, to reflect his spirit and use his methods. We, as disciples, are the Church, and our primary purpose is to bring others into this fellowship.

Kirby Page in his book, "Living Joyously," asks some very pertinent and direct questions, three of which we would like to present to you, and which, if we answer them honestly, might surprise us. 1. If every person in the early Church had been like you, how far would Christianity have spread? 2. Every day your life touches the lives of other people. Probably the same people day after day. Have they gathered that you have a secret resource in Christ and does the quality of your life make them desire to possess what you have found in h'm? 3. If someone came to you and said, "You are a Christian, therefore, you have a personal experience of Christ. I want to get it. Will you show me?" Could you, out of your own experience, do this—not by telling them to read a book or to go and hear such-and-such a preacher?

Whenever we are cautious with our Christianity we cheapen it. Whenever it is bold with the boldness of the spirit of Christ, then it has been mighty. A century and a half ago there lived in England one of those great souls which understand and interpret Christ—William Carey—the path-breaker of modern missions. It was Carey who in a sermon to a gathering of ministers gave to the world those two great thoughts that have been quoted ever since: "Attempt great things for God," "Expect great things from God." What greater thing can we attempt for God than to accept the wisdom of Solomon, who wrote: "He that winneth souls is wise."

It is the high privilege and solemn duty of the followers of Christ to engage with him in the great enterprise of winning souls for the Kingdom of God. When he left the world he left to us, his disciples, the command that we should be witnesses unto him. We in our lives have to show the power of the Holy Spirit. It is not enough for us to point to the Master but we must witness for him, as he commanded: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Yes, every disciple must be an evangelist—in what he says, in what he is—in his living day by day. This coming Lent is an ideal time for all of us to examine our discipleship and determine to become every-day evangelists.

CHANGE IN EDITORS

At the request of our Conference Committee on Congregational Way, Dr. Claton S. Rice, Superintendent Emeritus, has been serving as editor in a most acceptable way for the last five issues. It was a pleasure to have Dr. Rice attend five of the Association meetings last fall, where he had opportunity not only to renew old acquaintances and make new friends, but also to speak briefly on and answer questions concerning this magazine. The Board of Directors has officially expressed its appreciation to Dr. Rice, as have many of our readers.

Rev. John Gibson, who, on the first of February begins his work as Minister of Christian Education for our Conference, will take over the editorship of Congregational Way in connection with his many other duties. His general interest in this field, as well as his college experience and as editor of his own parish paper, assures us of a continuation of an attractive, interesting and informative magazine. Ministers and lay ocrrespondents can be of great help by sending to Mr. Gibson at the Conference office, information concerning activities or achievements that will be of interest to our more than 2,500 subscribers throughout the Conference—A. H. H.

GENEROUS GIFTS FOR CAMP N-SID-SEN

A $250 cash gift to our camp at N-Sid-Sen was made recently by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schultz of Harrington. While other generous contributions have been made to the camp in bygone days, we believe this is the largest single gift which has come. We trust that this gift may inspire others who would like to have a larger part in building the wonderful camp we have there on Lake Coeur dAlene.

Mrs. Albert Miller of Olivet Church, Seattle, called in recently to say that they had two mirrors they would like to offer for the at Camp N-Sid-Sen. Even at ca there seem to be those who that mirrors are necessary! course mirrors will be very welc additions. Someone who is g over will be found to pick them

The Bellingham church has gi a large commercial cook stove the camp. This is a stove that been in use in the Bellingh church for several years but is in excellent condition. Of cours is better than new, because Bellingham women have taugh how to cook properly. In addi to the gift, the church is shippin paying for the shipment and s ing it with its blessings to camp at Coeur d'Alene.

N-Sid-Sed, in its beginnings product of the generous gift of Arthur Fords, and later the re of the dreams and the sacrifice many people in the conference. fair to become the great rall point for Congregationalists on eastern side of the mountains.

CLEVENGER RECEPTION

The Plymouth Church, Tacc had a delightful dinner recep for their new miniter and his v Rev. and Mrs. Roger Clevenger Wednesday evening, December 2 The candles decorating the n table were furnished by Rev. Mrs. Orville Shenefelt, who, on t retirement from Plymouth, mo to St. Maries, Idaho. A progran music, drama and greetings fol ed the dinner. The dining hall parlor of the church were filled members of the congregation. age groups and organizations v represented. The five minister the churches of the Tacoma and the Superintendent of the ference were present and gave sages of welcome. The enthusi and optimism of the people and ister at Plymouth speak well the progress of the church in years ahead.

AGNOLIA CHURCH BUILDING FUND CANVASS

n 1945 the Congregational urches were granted an allocation organize a church in the Mag- ia District. A building site was ured, a parsonage purchased and church organized. With the gen- us help of the Building Society l the Conference, the church ctuary was completed and dedi- ed in the spring of 1947.

After eight years of very rapid wth in membership and activity, church faces the necessity of led facilities. Thus early last year committee of 23, representing all ses of the life of the church, an meeting to see what could be e about the problems. Mr. Rob- Durham was engaged to draw tative plans for meeting the an- pated needs for the next 10 to 15 rs.

On October 30, 1954, the church roved engaging the Wells Or- ization to direct the Building nd Canvass and at the same time Annual Budget Canvass. Mr. e McManus arrived to start the vass on November 6th. Mr. hie Morgan, chairman of the ilding Committee, was made gen- l chairman of the canvass. The l for the Building Fund was set $150,000. Mr. McManus received nderful cooperation and enthus- tic response from the people of church and, when he left on De- ber 13th, $141,894.50 for the ilding Fund had been pledged and ,245.70 had been pledged on the ual budget, the highest amount dged in the history of the church. At the final report meeting held veek later the Building Fund total s $145,047.50 and the budget fig- was $31,393.70, with many cards l unreported and many "call ks" yet to be made.

The follow-up committee headed Mr. Jim Phillips of the church is nning a clean up campaign early the year and is hopeful that the l may be achieved in full.

Spirit is high in the church. The Building Committee has been re-activated and hopes to be ready to let a contract by late Spring. It is very likely that the first unit will be a new educational building with plans for enlarging the church sanctuary being put off until a later date.

OLYMPIA STAFF CHANGE

Mrs. H. N. Bouley, a loyal Congregationalist, who for more than a quarter of a century has rendered devoted servicees to the United Churches of Olympia as financial secretary, has resigned. The local Board approved the nomination of Mrs. Darrel Dunn as successor to Mrs. Bouley.

Here at the conference office we shall not forget the faithful manner in which Mrs. Bouley has handled the finances of the church through the years. Missionary giving was always kept in the foreground.

Mr. Archie Morgan

OUR HISTORICAL LIBRARY

We are not old as Congregationalists when compared with more than three hundred years of history in New England. Yet we are old enough to begin to realize that much of our pioneer history will be lost unless we conserve the sources of information available to us now. Doubtless we have already lost much that we should have had.

The story of the beginnings of our work out here under the American Board in 1835, centering of course around the Whitman Mission and the formation of the first Protestant church in the Northwest at Waiilaptu, has been told very frequently and quite well. The beginnings of both the Congregational and Presbyterian work in the Northwest lie here.

Following the massacre at the Whitman Mission and the period of emphasis on the West Coast churches, largely in the Portland area, a new day for Washington Congregationalism began in the founding of our own First Church at Walla Walla, followed by some of the Puget Sound churches.

In the Inland Empire the work of Dr. Cushing Eells was fundamental, even as it had been in the development of Pacific University at Forest Grove and the church there. Whitman College, no longer under Congregational control, was a child of his heart, his vision and his sacrificial giving and that of Mrs. Eells as well. It came into being largely because of his prophetic vision and his great desire to set up a worthy memorial to Dr. Whitman. A number of churches in Eastern Washington grew out of his service and the sacrificial life of his good wife.

Dr. Eells is buried in Lake View Cemetery, Seattla.

In Western Washington Dr. Atkinson of Oregon did pioneer work while we were yet a part of Oregon. For the early beginnings, we are deeply indebted to him.

We are not so well aware, however, of the contribution made in rapidly expanding Puget Sound by Dr. Samuel Greene. Through generosity of his granddaugh Mrs. Laurence A. Ipsen of Plym Church, a copy of his autobiogra has been made available to the ference Library. With it also c numerous papers from his lib and two intensely interesting p phlets, one the printed diary of cissa Whitman. The Conferenc greatly indebted to Mrs. Ipsen her gift.

Dr. Greene's body rests in Mount Pleasant Cemetery on Q Anne Hill.

It would seem to some of us these graves of our pioneers sh be made shrines, visited freque by Congregational groups. It is our hope that before too long so thing very definite can be toward writing the story of our gregational empire founders.

GOOD, YET NOT GOOD

There were more subscriber Congregational Way and m churches with club lists on Jan 1, 1955, than there were at the of 1954. This is encouraging an a sense GOOD; however, there still many churches with only a personal subscriptions and there some churches in our Confer where the only copy is the free sent to the pastor.

Congregational Way is the published organ which goes larly to the people of our Co ence fellowship. It takes time fort and some expense to pro it, but its value rests solely in widely distributed and read. If church is a club church, will give a strong, encouraging wo a neighboring church where th not the case; and, if your ch is not a club church you are to secure a list of subscriber ask some competent person in church to do so. We still have copies of the January and Feb issues to send to new subscribe

WE NOTE THAT

Lee Woodward, director of re-
ious education at Fauntleroy
urch, was married in Oak Park,
inois, on December 18 to Mr. D.
ger Landrud. Mr. Landrud, who
pects to be discharged from the
my early in January, will attend
e University of Washington.

Walla Walla church is cooperat-
g with the Kiwanis Club in a re-
ious census of the city. When the
nsus is completed, the sociological
partment of Whitman College
der Professor A. P. Bradford will
ocess the findings, charting and
erpreting them for the churches
the community.

Plummer church, the Rev. and
s. Clarence M. Macon, pastors,
s built two rooms to the parson-
e and has paid for this improve-
nt. This has added nearly $1000
the value of the parsonage. The
orley work is coming along very
ely under the leadership of Mr.
d Mrs. Macon. Two ministers—
o fields!

At a recent women's fellowship
eting addressed by Pauline Mad-
n, Conference President, forty-six
men were present. The mission-
y offering was $35.00.

Volunteer crews are working in-
nsively to prepare the new build-
g at Pullman for the pew instal-
ions in late February. Electrical
wer has just come into the build-
g and the Rev. David Julius feels
at they are reasonably certain of
ing the new sanctuary prior to
ster or perhaps by mid-March.

Olivet Congregational Church, Se-
le, has voted to become self-sup-
rting. It has received aid from
Washington Congregational
ristian Conference and the Board
Home Missions for many years.
e Rev. Dr. Albert R. H. Miller is
stor of the church.

The Rev. Lula Cassill has been
ked to serve the church at Ione
interim pastor. She is on the field
d writes enthusiastically about
church there and the excellent
rk the Carl Bairds did while they
were serving the church.

The Kellogg Thrift Shop, sponsored by the Federated church, which uses funds derived from the shop to expand badly needed church facilities, has done remarkably well in its first weeks of operation. The committee suggests that the folks look around for unused items which they might deliver to the shop. Maybe the Kellogg church has something there! The Rev. Bernard C. Herrick is pastor.

President Joe Fitzgerald of the Men's Club of Green Lake Congregational Church, announces a big affair on Saturday evening, January 22nd, where the Men's Club is serving dinner to their wives at the church. They are courageous men!

The calendar of First Church, Tacoma, for January is exceedingly full. We note that the "pantry prowlers" are still in existence. The first rehearsal of the Rhythmic Choir Group to begin preparing for the Annual Church Festival is announced. Church attendance is up and contributions to Share Our Surplus have reached $616. The Rev. Chester B. Fisk is pastor.

The Rev. Oswald W. Jefferson in his January 3rd Pilgrim letter urges his friends to accept the salutation of Giovanni written in 1513, "Take heaven, take peace, take joy into the New Year."

At the beginning of the 56th year of the life of Pilgrim Church Mr. Jefferson extended the same salutation to his people.

LOVELY BAPTISMAL SERVICE

A lovely baptismal service took place at Alki Church, Seattle, on Sunday, November 28th. The reception given the David Rose family, who are leaving for Rock Springs, was transformed into a solemn service of baptism and consecration. Dr. Clinton Ostrander, pastor of the University Congregational Church, grandfather of the child, baptised him "Willam Wallace Rose, 2nd." It was a beautiful service, filled with meaning and emotion—one which we shall never forget!

CALLED HOME

Frederick Amos

The Rev. Frederick Amos, who was 74 years of age, died on December 31st after a short illness. Born in England, he received his theological training in Canada and was ordained in 1911. For the past year and a half, he had been pastor of the Congregational Church at Tonasket. This church, under his leadership, had accomplished many noteworthy things.

Precious to his work at Tonasket, he had been interim pastor at the Green Lake Congregational Church, where he was much appreciated. Earlier in his ministry he held pastorates at South Bend, Granite Falls, Lowell and Fox Island, all in Washington.

Joseph Weiss

The Rev. Joseph Weiss, who was 85 years of age, died on December 30th at his home at Seattle. He was pastor of Beacon Hill Congregational Church from 1922 to 1930 and later he was minister of Plymouth Congregational Church at Tacoma. Earlier in his ministry he had held pastorates in South Bend, Blaine, Snohomish and Roy.

Mr. Weiss was a member of the Olivet Congregational Church. He was one of the oldest members of the Washington Congregational Conference.

Mrs. Joel Harper

Mrs. Joel Harper, well-loved wife of Dr. Joel Harper, who for so many years was pastor of Westminster Church in Spokane, has gone, also. She and Dr. Harper made a unique, long continued contribution to our Conference as they worked together in the great church at Spokane.

Following Dr. Harper's death, Mrs. Harper was ill for a number of years. A series of accidends crippled her badly. Only a few weeks ago, however, it seemed that she was back into the moving stream of life again. Living at the Chinook Hotel in Yakima, and lovingly cared for by her daughters, she was able to see her friends almost up to the last.

Stephen B. L. Penrose, Jr.

Early in December word cam the death of Dr. Stephen B. L. P rose, Jr., in Beirut, Lebannon. was president of the American U versity there and was an autho on Near East affairs. We remem him in Washington as a Whit College man, and an active chu man who displayed deep con for the religious education of yo He was a statesman of very g promise and the world will m him sorely.

We remember each one of t servants of the cross, our fri and fellow workmen, with deep preciation. We extend our hear sympathy to their families.

NEW MINISTERS

The Rev. Herbert C. Gans

The Rev. Herbert C. Gans, was minister at Petaluma, Cali nia, from 1945 to 1953, and since that time has been asso at First Church, San Francisco, accepted a call to the impor Alki Church in Seattle. Mr. G was born in New Orleans and g uated from Oberlin Theological S inary.

Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Gans

Mrs. Gans is also an orda minister with special skills in y work, but her primary work is of home maker. She is a daug of the late "Dad" Elliott of nat YMCA fame.

The Rev. Mr. Gans will bring to ki the enthusiasms and wisdom years of successful pastoral work. e is rated exceptionally high as a eacher and an administrator.

We welcome most heartily to our ea, Mr. Gans, his wife, and a son d a daughter, with another son Oberlin College. They begin work January 23rd.

Rev. Olaf A. Stoeve

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The Rev. Olaf A. Stoeve began his storate at the Veradale Church te in December. It is a pleasure greet him, his wife and his four ildren. Mr. Stoeve is a graduate Chicago Theological Seminary d served as chaplain on the USS resident Hayes during the war. He s served churches at Lisle, Ill.; oulder City, Nev., and National ty, Calif.

The church people of the rapidly panding Veradale area welcome e aggressive leadership which he affording.

he Rev. Kermit A. Ecklebarger

The Rev. Kermit A. Ecklebarger s accepted a call to our church Lopez Island. We welcome him to the fellowship of our ministers.

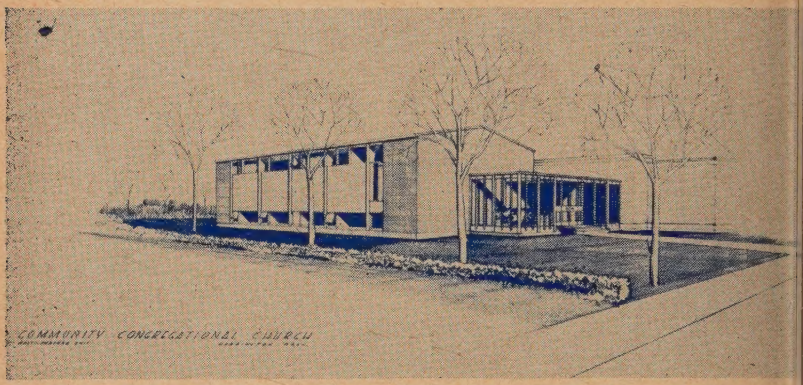
HILLYARD CHURCH, SPOKANE, GROWS

A most interesting report sent out by the chairman of the Hillyard Church Finance Committee, Mr. Vic Shuey, has come to us. It is the kind of report which warms a pastor's heart and which does a church good. It starts out, "This is a report to you of the progress of our church since the calling of Rev. Lorance Dossett as our minister." It then goes on to tell of measurable advances in every department, in spirit, in numbers and in general heightened interest. It calls attention to the two choirs now functioning under Mr. Dossett's direction, splendid youth group gathering momentum, and plans along the way towards starting a couple's club. The Church School is evidently now fully staffed with Mrs. Frank Miller as superintendent and the general church attendance is growing steadily. Twenty new members were received into the fellowship on November 7th. In enclosing the suggested budget the remark is made, "You will note that in 1955 we are planning to assume our place in the family of Congregational Churches in every phase of church expansion." Congratulations!

ROBERT NATHAN JOINS WESTMINSTER STAFF

The Westminster Congregational Church, Spokane, after looking near and far for a Minister of Education, chooses a neighbor in the person of Rev. Robert A. Nathan, pastor of the Congregational Church in Almira. Mr. Nathan is well known throughout the Conference, not only as a minister of a growing congregation at Almira, but as one of our most enthusiastic and capable youth leaders. He has served as a member of the N-Sid-Sen Camp committee and is presently a member of the Conference committee on Christian Education. He is scheduled to undertake his new duties at Westminster, February 1st.

COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, HARRINGTON, TO BUILD



An intriguing brochure put out by the Community Congregational Church of Harrington, the Rev. Richard N. England, pastor, is in our hands. The plan is to build an educational and social building with a connecting link tying it to the present sanctuary, costing approximately $25,000. The building is laid out on the property with a view of some day adding a new sanctuary in the approximate location of the present one. The pastor writes, "Our need has been primarily for class rooms for the Sunday School. The proposed structure will provide adequately for this with nine classrooms in the basement, well lighted and ventilated. With the additional space we will have in the upper floor, the connecting small chapel room and our present sanctuary, we will m this need. The connecting link tween the old and new building serve as a small chapel for use families at funerals and for o flow attendance on special occasi The upper floor will furnish rooms, minister's study, kitch storage room and social hall w a seating capacity for about people."

The building committee is c posed of the pastor, Mr. and M Robert Timm, Mrs. Eldon Le P George E. Knapp, Mrs. Cl Houck, Mrs. C. C. McCormick, Clarence Buddrius, Mr. Gilbert becker, Mr. Keith Dory, Mr. E Swenson, Mrs. Dar L. Swenson, Mr. Wes Bligh.

DOROTHY DAVISION ENTERS BUSINESS

A long cherished ambition is being realized by one of our office secretaries, Dorothy Davision, who, beginning the first of February, will become a partner in a Baby and Pre-School Shop in Walla Walla.

Her radiant personality and her loyal and efficient service will be missed in the Conference office, but we all wish her the very best in this new undertaking.

RECOGNITION OF THE RE JAMES MONTGOMERY

A service of recognition for Rev. James W. Montgomery held in Lincoln Heights Chu Spokane, on January 4th. Parts the service were taken by Dr. ment E. Hahn of Westminster C gregational Church; the Rev. lard Johnson, the Rev. Don Cassi of Hope Congregational Chu Newport; Dr. Archie Hook, su intendent of the Washington C

egational Christian Conference; e Rev. Lorance Dossett of the llyard Congregational Church; the v. D. Elmer Nourse of the Wal-e Congregational Church; the v. Jefferson Smith of the Colville urch, and Rev. Bernard C. Her-k of the Federated Church of llogg. Greetings from neighbor-od churches included those from e Rev. Thomas Meicho of the Lin-ln Heights Baptist Church; Rev. aldemar Hintz, of the Advent theran Church, and Bishop Frank oss of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints. Mrs. Melvin Holstrom was at the organ. Mr. ntgomery came to Hillyard urch from the Fairfax Commun-Congregational Church in Cali-rnia.

RECOGNITION OF THE REV. RALPH BARBER

Rev. Ralph Barber, called some ne ago to the First Church of ncouver, Washington, was rec-nized as pastor of the church in special service at 4 p. m. on Sun-y afternoon, January 9th. Several our ministers took part in the rvice, including Superintendent chie Hook.

Our Vancouver church, which has ade such striking growth in the st few years, bids fair to surge ead further under the much ap-eciated leadership of Mr. Barber.

TWO TALENTED WOMEN

Mrs. Theron Zimmerman, nation-committee woman for Council for cial Action, has been doing con-derable speaking throughout this nference and down in Oregon re-ntly. She points out the need of tal interest on the part of church ople for concern as regard the cial issues of the day. We are for-nate in having such competent adership in this field.

We note also that Mrs. Eddie adson (Pauline) has been very lpful in her addresses as she eets the women groups of various urches. The important part played by our women's groups in the development of our churches is something for which we are deeply grateful.

Thankful as we are for the growth of the Laymen's movement in our fellowship, we must never lose sight of the fact that the women are far ahead of us and we judge that they intend to stay out ahead.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Doubtless every church in the conference held one or more Christmas services, with special emphasis upon Christmas music. One wishes that he might have had the privilege of listening to each glad Christmas festival. Surely Christmas is a time when songs of joy are heard in every church. We rejoice over the fine quality of music being used in our churches these days.

Among the interesting Christmas services was the Family Christmas Festival which was held in the University Congregational Church at Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, before Christmas. Three choirs of the church participated in the program. The festival closed with the ceremony of bringing in the Figgy Pudding, the Wassail Bowl and the Boar's Head. The program was planned for all ages and for the entire family.

A unique service was carried through at West Seattle Church, Rev. Roland F. Schlueter, pastor. It was called, "The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols." Mr. Schlueter comments, "It has probably established itself an an annual thing in our church.

We have heard enthusiastic reports not only of Christmas music but of the generous participation in the Share Our Surplus program on the part of many of the churches at Christmas time. It is not too late to participate further in this program, which makes possible the sending of $20 worth of surplus food for every $1 we contribute. To date, $9,259 30 has been contributed by our churches through this office.

NEW WORKERS IN JAPANESE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Mrs. Marvin Capewell and Miss Nanette Hunt have come to help in the work of the Japanese Congregational Church of Seattle. Mrs. Capewell serves the Nisei group by preaching every Sunday and assists in the Sunday School by leading worship for younger children and helping the teachers in their work. She graduated from Hartford Theological Seminary last May, and holds the degree of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity. She came to Seattle about two months ago with her husband, who works at Boeing's.

Miss Hunt, a student at Seattle Pacific College, teaches and advises the Pilgrim Fellowship and plays the organ for the Nisei Sunday School.

The Rev. Ai Chih Tsai is pastor of the church.

THE 1955 EARL LECTURES

The 33rd Annual Pastoral Conference at Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California, is scheduled for February 15, 16 and 17. Several Congregational ministers from the Seattle area are already planning to attend. The Conference will feature Dr. Emil Brunner, eminent Swiss theologian and preacher, as the Earl Lecturer, who will deliver three evening lectures and lead two afternoon discussion periods. He will fly to Berkeley from International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan, where he is a faculty member.

Author, preacher, and Methodist Bishop, Gerald Kennedy will lead morning chapel services during the Conference, as well as sharing the leadership in a workshop on preaching. Dr. Kennedy is an alumnus of Pacific School of Religion.

The morning sessions of the Conference will be devoted to classes with such outstanding members of the seminary faculty as Robert Elliott Fitch, Georgia Harkness, Ralph Douglas Hyslop, and Jack Finegan. Workshops in the afternoon will feature such subjects as: Preach and the Contemporary Mind, Chu Building, Christian Social Act the Work of Women in the Churc and others.

The Pastoral Conference draw large number of Christian lead from the Western states. Anyon the Seattle area interested in tending might wish to contact R Clyde Reid of Columbia Congre tional Church or Rev. Roland Sch ter of our West Seattle Chu Both men plan to make the tri Berkeley. Further information the Conference may be obtained writing Pacific School of Relig 1798 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley, C fornia.—C. H. H.

A SCRUBBED PARSONAGE

When the Carl Baird family rived in Tacoma, where Mr. B is the new pastor of the Evan ical Congregational Church, t found an excellent parsonage t had been scrubbed, waxed and ished, complete with new p throughout the upstairs and a electric range purchased by Ladies' Aid.

Under the direction of Mrs. M Rouse, superintendent, the Sun School presented a Christmas Program that filled the Church.

Excellent attendance and par pation in the Annual Meeting cember 27 enabled the congrega to take several significant acti including the election of officers the year.

Missions Council calendars now in regular use in the Sun morning services, paid for by Pilgrim Fellowship and the Sun School. Members of the Ger Prayer Meeting, which met for last time some months ago, h offered the remaining forty dol in their treasury toward the chase of a mimeograph for church.

The Bairds report that they very happy in having discov vitality following some of the traditions, as well as finding m evidences of new life.

The Every-Member-Canvass Group of Westminster Church, Spokane

FESTIVAL OF SONG

'he 30th Annual Christmas Fes-
ıl of Song was held in the Civic
litorium at Seattle on December
ı under the direction of the Se-
e Council of Churches, featuring
s. Margaret Palmer Fisk, wife of
pastor at Tacoma, First, and
Rhythmic Choir Group. In ad-
on, Mrs. Atley Nelson of our
st Seattle church and Mrs. Jean
bert had charge of the tableau
up. In this Festival of Song, four
ing groups made up of members
church choirs from various sec-
s of the city, sang the Christ-
music of many nations. It was
ıtifully done, while the Rhyth-
Choir and the tableau group
ed much of beauty and grace to
carols.

88TH BIRTHDAY

Rev. W. W. Head, one of our retired ministers who lives at Cathlamet, recently celebrated his 88th birthday. He writes, "I long since adopted as applying to myself a short poem translated from the German by H. W. Longfellow. The poem, entitled, 'The Hemlock Tree,' is as follows:

Oh hemlock tree!
Oh hemlock tree!
How faithful are thy branches!
Green not alone in summertime,
But in the winter's frost and rhyme,
Oh hemlock tree!
Oh hemlock tree!
How faithful are thy branches."

We wish for Mr. Head many additional years of life and service.

STEILACOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Steilacoom local paper carried an interesting write up recently about the rapidly expanding church school at Oberlin Congregational Church. It starts out, "Look, Look! the first time in 100 years the Oberlin Sunday School has outgrown its home!" More than twenty teachers are training the children in the fundamentals of the Bible. The program has caught fire and today they are averaging over 160 per Sunday in a school that was built for 100.

The article continued, "Last week we contacted the town fathers as to the use of the Town Hall for our Junior Department, which numbers from 40 to 50 each Sunday. This wish was granted and starting Sunday, January 2nd, our Juniors will meet in the Town Hall with Mrs. Jim Dyer, Jr., as superintendent, and a fine staff of teachers. The bus will continue its regular runs. This service is a missionary endeavor of the friends of the Sunday School. Bill Bristow, Jr., is the bus driver." The Rev. George Schubert is pastor. Good going!

GRANGE CHICKEN

Sometime ago we remarked that one of the best church supper dishes we had ever eaten we enjoyed at our Toppenish Church at the time of the Yakima Association this year. It was sort of a chicken dish in an unique setting—like a diamond in unusually beautiful gold!

Your editor, an ancient pilgrim who has both enjoyed church dinners and again has suffered through some of them, has the temerity to suggest to church dinner groups that an innovation such as grange chicken, in spite of natural desire to stay by the tried and old, might really create a new morale at dinners. Therefore without further comment, save to state that this recipe comes from the Toppenish ladies by way of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Lauer of Seattle, who were pleased with the recipe someti ago that they asked for and tained it we present the reci "Make a good dressing, using loaf of bread. Spread on bottom shallow baking dish. On top dressing spread cooked chicken thickly as your quantity of chic allows. Over this pour a cust made as follows: one cup of chicken if possible, one cup of fl enough milk added to six bea eggs to make two quarts liquid. T can be one-half chicken br Bake."

What a recipe! Try it!!

BURNING THE LIGHT

A newcomer to Walla W asked the pastor of the church other day about the location of church. Mr. Elliott replied, "It the one at the end of Alder Stre The man responded, "Oh, you m the one that looks as though it longs to a Christmas card."

Mr. Elliott and the church decided to keep this, "welcom atmosphere" in the evening as as during the daytime, by burn the light which illumines the por and the front door after sund

This may be an idea for som the rest of us. The picture, by way, is that of Mr. Elliott and new Religious Education Dire Mrs. Osborne.

(MEN TO MEET IN CHICAGO

nr Congregational laymen are ›ming increasingly church con- us. The first nation-wide con- ion of Congregational Christian men ever to be held will meet Chicago, Illinois, from February through the 27th at Palmer se. Dr. Elton Trueblood, Chief Religious Information of the U. nformation Service will be the ıote speaker. The theme of the vention is "At Work With st." Word has come that lay- from 21 states have already stered, 150 of them and more. ith such men as Dr. Trueblood, Douglas Horton, who is to be ›lain, Dr. Alford Carleton, Ex- ive Vice President of the Amer- Board for Foreign Missions, Dr. ald Bridges, President of the rican Board, Dr. Henry Smith er, Executive Secretary and ster of the Missions Council, ter H. Judd, Congressman from nesota, Dr. Truman B. Douglass, cutive Vice President of the rd of Home Missions, and Mr. Vhitehouse, District Director of United Steel Workers, CIO, and President of the National ncil of Churches to give leader- it is no wonder that some of keenest laymen are attracted to convention.

e hope sincerely that one or e of our laymen from our rap- developing laymens group in hington conference will find it ible to attend.

formation regarding rates and s generally can be obtained here ıe conference office.

TE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ANNUAL MEETING

ıe Annual Meeting of the Wash- ›n-Northern Idaho Council of rches was held at the First ıodist Church in Vancouver, ıington, January 9, 10 and 11. Congregational fellowship was represented as usual. Super- ıdent Archie Hook, took an active part in the Church Planning & Strategy Committee meeting, while at the Tuesday luncheon, Mr. James Stevens of Plymouth Church was in charge of a seminar on Public Relations at which time Rev. Chester Fisk, pastor of the First Church, Tacoma, made the major address. A good number of Congregational laymen and ministers attended.

This interchurch work, which of course never can take the place of the work of the denominations, seems to be increasingly important as we discover that the differences which have divided the Protestant groups through the years are small, in the light of our common faith and our common aims.

Dr. Gertrude Apel, who has been Executive Secretary of the Council for many years, was re-elected for the coming year.

SUNDAY FOR GOD

The Messenger, published by the Central United Protestant Church at Richland, raises the question "will everybody soon be working on Sunday?" "Will the Lord's Day soon be like every other day of the week?" Business men fear it will. Shopping patterns are changing, they report. People like to buy on Sunday.

"Why is this? Who is commercializing Sunday? The seculars, the unbelievers? Not on your life. It is the church goers!

"The store owners don't want to open on Sunday. It is uneconomical; they have got to pay their help more on Sunday. They will close their stores as soon as the church goers prove that they are willing to stop shopping on the Lord's Day.

"This is where you come into the campaign. You can convince these stores. Stop buying on Sunday. That is all you have to do. Is that asking too much of a Christian?"

This article was put out over the signature of the Richland Ministerial Association. It would seem to us that it contains questions which we all need to face rather seriously.

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